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AFRICAN AMERICAN INITIATIVE – BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

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PORTLAND METRO SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND SURVEYS

**Breast cancer survivors, patients, relatives of breast cancer patients,
potential benefactors, the community...**

- 08/23/18 St. Johns Portland Library • 1:15 PM – 3:00 PM
7510 N Charleston Ave, Portland, OR • Rm Capacity 22
- 08/24/18 Northwest Library • 12:30 PM-3:00 PM
2300 NW Thurman, Portland, OR • Capacity 30
- 08/27/18 Rockwood Library 17917 SE Stark • 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Portland, OR • Capacity 35
- 08/28/18 Central Portland Library (Downtown) • 12:45 PM-3:00 PM
801 SW 10th Ave • Meeting Room • Capacity 120
- 08/28/18 North Portland Library • 6:15 PM – 7:45 PM
512 N Killingsworth St • Meeting Room • Capacity 88
- 08/30/18 Central City Concern (Old Town Recovery Center) • 11:45am-2:30pm
33 NW Broadway • 3rd Floor Conference Room

Meet the African American Initiative Data Collection Team: Angela Owusu-Ansah, Ph.D,
Professor of Doctoral Studies, D. Bora Harris, MPA, Diversity Consultant and Kelvin Hall, Doctoral
Candidate, Community Advocate....REFRESHMENTS AND PRIZES

- Focus Group Interviews begin September 18, 2018 – October 17, 2018 (Locations TBA)
- Let us start a CONVERSATION “that can lead to real results”
- Modest gift of appreciation for Focus Group interview participation

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Focused on Issues

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more accessible, she backs a campaign finance proposal that will make it easier for working class people to raise funds for public office. The measure will be on the same November General Election ballot as her City Council race.

Hardesty likes how the proposal would work, allowing a \$50 donation from an individual to be matched six times by a City of Portland election fund, raising the total to \$300, and giving small campaign contributions from individuals more impact so that regular people running for public office can have a better shot at winning.

“I believe that will be a game changer,” she said, adding that she understands how high-cost campaigns steer people away from running for office, and explaining how she was even told she would need to raise at least \$250,000 to even compete in her election.

“For most people, that is an enormous hurdle to overcome. I personally don’t know anybody that has \$250,000, so that was going to be a huge hurdle,” Hardesty recalled.

Other ways Hardesty wants to make local government more accessible is to hold meetings in different parts of the city, and during the times when people are getting off work, rather than the usual 9 a.m. city council meeting at City Hall on Wednesdays, downtown, which Hardesty said must be an inconvenience to many.

The Navy veteran who is originally from Baltimore, Maryland, is also pushing for free transportation during rush hour, two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening. She hopes this will not only bolster citizens’ ability to attend local government meetings, but also reduce green-

house gases and alleviate mounting traffic congestion from the some 45,000 people who move to Portland each year, Hardesty said.

“I think once we realize how much more convenient that’s going to be for people that work traditional shifts, then we’ll be able to make the case for why having free public transportation will have an impact on climate change and reducing fossil fuels in the air.”

In addition, Hardesty backs a Clean Energy Fund, also on the ballot in November. The initiative would tax big businesses one percent of their sales, if they make a billion dollars in annual revenue and half of that is within the city limits. The revenue would be used to encourage and promote eco-friendly measures like retro-proofing old houses to make them more energy efficient and to train and create jobs in the green energy field for low income people. Hardesty backed a steering committee made up of non-profits representing communities of color that supports the measure.

The expected \$30 million of revenue generated from the Energy Fund each year would be managed by a community oversight committee, similar to what is in place for the Portland Children’s Levy, Hardesty said. She also asked Mayor Ted Wheeler to assign management of the fund to her portfolio to supervise and implement, presuming it passes and she is elected.

On the issue of housing and homelessness, Hardesty advocates for hiring homeless people at minimum wage to clean up garbage in the city and provide hot meals and showers to other homeless people through “mobile units.” The cost would

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